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SUBJECT:AMERICAN PROPERTY: US FLAG VESSEL "MIL MAR I"

- AKA SAN GREGORIA

REF: A) DEPT. 048183, B) CURACAO 132

1. EMBASSY BOGOTA SHOULD CONTINUE TO RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO MIL-MAR REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS CASE. ESTABLISHING TITLE TO VESSEL IN COLOMBIA, HOWEVER, REMAINS BASIC RESPONSIBILITY OF FIRM'S LAWYERS THERE. SPECIFICALLY, ESTABLISHING WHETHER DOCUMENTS MENTIONED PARA 3 OF REF B ARE FRAUDULENT AS CLAIMED IS MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE PURSUED BY RAFAEL RIVAS OR OTHER MIL MAR REPRESENTATIVE.

CONGEN CURACAO SHOULD RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO MIL MAR REPRESENTATIVES BUT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT CASE IS PRIVATE ONE AND THAT OWNERSHIP CLAIMS MUST BE PRESENTED AND SUSTAINED BY MIL-MAR AND THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES. CONGEN REQUESTED TO SPECIFY, AS POSSIBLE, NATURE OF DOCUMENTS HELD BY PRESENT CAPTAIN.

3. DEPT ASSUMES THAT IF LOCAL LAWS PERMIT HOSS AND HIS ATTORNEY ARE ALSO SEEKING COURT INJUNCTION OR OTHER LEGAL MANEUVER IN CURACAO TO HOLD VESSEL IN PORT PENDING RECEIPT OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS FROM COLOMBIA. INGERSOLL

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